

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8 and 35-48 are pending. By this Amendment, withdrawn, non-elected claims 10, 12-15 and 24 are cancelled, and dependent claims 16 and 21-23 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled, non-elected claims. Claims 47 and 48 are added by this amendment. The planar motor feature of claim 47 is supported in the original specification at, for example, page 88, lines 4-7. Claim 48 recites many of the features recited in claim 35, as well as the planar motor feature mentioned above. Thus, no new matter is added.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is requested to consider the two references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

All Pending Claims are Allowable

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 4-8 and 35-46. Applicants submit that claims 47 and 48 also are allowable.

Claims 16 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Claims 16 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,506,684 to Ota et al. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Information Disclosure Statement
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